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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PLO DELEGATION TO ROMANIA

REF: CAIRO 4698

1. GENERAL ABD AL-RAZZAQ YAHYA (GENERALLY CONSIDERED IN PAST A SUPPORTER OF AHMED SHUQAYRI) WAS COMMANDER OF PLA FORCES UNTIL SLIGHTLY MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO WHEN HE WAS REPLACED IN THAT POSITION BY GENERAL MISBAH AL-BUDAYRI. AT THAT TIME, YAHYA WAS PERSONALLY IN DISFAVOR WITH 'ARAFAT. HE HAS SINCE APPARENTLY RECEDED INTO BACKGROUND, SINCE WE HAVE HEARD VERY LITTLE ABOUT HIS RECENT ACTIVITIES.

2. FAROUK QADDUMI CONTINUES HOLD POSITION OF HEAD, PLO POLITICAL DEPT. CAIRO VOICE OF PALESTINE ON JUNE 29 (FBIS 291759Z JUN 74) ANNOUNCED HE WILL BE MEMBER PLO DEL TO ARAB DEFENSE COUNCIL SESSION DUE BEGIN CAIRO ON JULY 3. LOCAL PRESS ALSO STATED HE MEMBER OF PLO/FATAH DEL WHICH MET WITH PM SOLH ON JUNE 30.

3. BELIEVE IT REASONABLY CLEAR FROM ABOVE THAT YAHYA'S POST MISSTATED IN MENA DISPATCH FROM BUCHAREST. HIS REEMERGENCE IN ROMANIA, HOWEVER, COULD SUGGEST SOME IMPROVEMENT IN YAHYYA'S
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RELATIONS WITH 'ARAFAT AND CO. OR SIMPLY THAT FEDAYEEN LEADERSHIP

DID NOT FEEL IT COULD SPARE MORE WELL-KNOWN PERSONS FOR ROMANIAN
VISIT AT THIS CRITICAL PERIOD IN AREA AFFAIRS.
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